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PREVENTION: LONDON CONFERENCE FEBRUARY 6-17, 1978

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1. NORWEGIAN DELEGATION TO LOND PLENIPOTENTIARY CONFERENCE
WILL BE HEADED BY MR. MODOLV HAREIDE, DIRECTOR GENERAL
OF SHIPPING AND NAVIGATION.

2. NORWEGIAN VIEWS ON U.S. PROPOSALS CAN BE SUMMARIZED AS
FOLLOWS:

A. DOUBLE BOTTOMS ON NEW TANKERS.
NORWAY HAS NOT SUPPORTED THE DOUBLE BOTTOM REQUIREMENT
IN IMCO. NORWAY IS, HOWEVER, SUPPORTING THE CONCEPT
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THAT THE REQUIRED SEGREGATED BALLAST CAPACITY SHALL BE
STRATEGICALLY PLACED THROUGHOUT THE CARGO TANK AREA.

B. SEGREGATED BALLAST TANKS
NORWAY SUPPORTS THE PROPOSAL ON RETROFITTING OF SBT
ON NEW AND EXISTING TANKERS.

C. IMPROVED EMERGENCY STEERING STANDARDS

NORWAY SUPPORTS THE MAJORITY VIEW THAT FOR NEW AND EXISTING SHIPS THERE IS A NEED FOR MORE STRINGENT REQUIREMENTS FOR CONTROL AND INSPECTIONS OF STEERING GEAR, AND THAT THERE IS A NEED FOR MANDATORY PROCEDURES ON TESTING OF THE STEERING GEAR BEFORE A SHIP LEAVE HARBOUR. FOR NEW SHIPS NORWAY SUPPORTS THE VIEW THAT DETAILED REQUIREMENTS FOR RUDDER INDICATORS ON THE BRIDGE SHOULD BE INTRODUCED.

D. INERT GAS SYSTEMS

NORWAY SUPPORTS REQUIREMENTS FOR INERT GAS SYSTEMS ON NEW CRUDE OIL TANKERS, WHERE WUCH A SYSTEM IS BELIEVED TO CONTRIBUTE TO A REDUCED EXPLOSION HAZARD. HOWEVER, THE GON DOES NOT FEEL THAT THE INERT GAS SYSTEM INCREASES THE SAFETY ON PRODUCT TANKERS AND CHEMICAL TANKERS TO SUCH AN EXTENT THAT THE DIS-ADVANTAGE OF POSSIBLE CARGO CONTAMINATION IS OUTWEIGHED. ON EXISTING SHIPS GON BELIEVES IT FEASIBLE TO RETROFIT INERT GAS SYSTEMS ON CRUDE OIL TANKERS OF 70,000 TDW AND ABOVE.

E. BACK-UP RADAR SYSTEMS AND COLLISION AVOIDANCE EQUIPMENT

NORWAY SUPPORTS THE VIEW THAT TWO INDEPENDENT RADAR INSTALLATIONS SHOULD BE REQUIRED ON ALL SHIPS OF 10,000 GROSS TONS AND ABOVE AND THAT EACH RADAR SHOULD MEET UNCLASSIFIED

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IMCO STANDARDS.

WITH RESPECT TO THE REQUIREMENT FOR COLLISION AVOIDANCE EQUIPMENT, NORWAY SUPPORTS THE VIEW THAT BEFORE SUCH A REQUIREMENT IS INTRODUCED, INTERNATIONALLY AGREED USER REQUIREMENTS AND OPERATIONAL PERFORMANCE STANDARDS FOR SUCH EQUIPMENT SHOULD BE DEVELOPED.

F. INSPECTION AND CERTIFICATION

NORWAY'S VIEW PARALLELS THE U.S. PROPOSAL AS AGREED AT THE JOINT MSC/ME PC MEETING IN OCTOBER CONCERNING MANDATORY INTERMEDIATE SURVEYS IN A CERTIFICATION PERIOD AS WELL AS UNEXPECTED (AD HOC) SURVEYS.
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